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Christmas Messages from the Clergy

(Rev. T. R. Haythorne)

An eminent Canadian has emphatically stated, "The only practical idea which ever came into the world was born in Bethlehem on the night the great star shone."

What really happened that first Christmas? Some one might answer by saying: "Oh, a child was born in the midst of a housing shortage, to poor parents, in a stable on a back street of Bethlehem, a town in an obscure land. The stable was crowded with animals and there was the usual path, followed by a clear little cry, which the mother never forgot."

The first Christmas was a homeless Christmas, yet how Christianized the word "home" has become since then, till today it is one of the weightiest words and "Home for Christmas" one of the richest phrases in hundreds of languages.

The world's calendar, with its B.C. and A.D., dates every thing from that first Christmas—not from the first use of money, the conquests of Caesar, the founding of cities, nor the invention of gunpowder.

Christmas calls forth the finest attitudes of the year. The very atmosphere of homes and streets and cities is always better at Christmas. Sights are lifted. Higher purposes prevail. Who says human nature never changes? It does every Christmas. There's always more readiness to forgive, more eagerness to say good things of others at Christmas time. Can you begin to measure the influence of 1948 Christmases on the world?

What other person who has lived moves the world on his birthday as Jesus Christ does? Who even knows Napoleon's birthday—never mind observes it? And even of a great man like Abraham, Lincoln, whose stature grows with the passing years, we would never suggest his birthday replace the one of Jesus.

What really happened that first Christmas? God came into the world—came as never before.

A little boy stood before the picture of his absent father, and then turned to his mother and wistfully said: "I wish father would step out of the picture." That little boy expressed the deepest longing of the human heart. To see God in nature prompts gratitude, but not satisfaction. We want our Father to step out of the impersonal picture and meet us as Person. "The impersonal laid no hold on my heart," said a great Indian poet. That is always true, for the human heart is personal and wants a personal response.

"Why won't principles do? Why do we need a personal God?" someone asks. Suppose you go to a child crying for its mother and say "don't cry little child; I'm giving to you the principle of motherhood." Would the face light up and the tear dry? Hardly. The child would brush aside your principle of motherhood and cry for its mother. We all want, not a principle, nor a picture, but a Person.

The Father has stepped out of the picture. The word has become flesh. That is the meaning of Christmas. Jesus is Immanuel—God for us. He is the Personal Approach from the Unseen. We almost gasp as the Person steps out of the frame. We did not dare dream God was like Christ, but He is. He is Christ-like.

"You have an advantage," said Dr. Hu Shih, the father of the Renaissance Movement in China, when speaking to a well-known American misicianary; "that in all the ideas in Christianity have become embodied in a Person."

Yes. And the Christmas spirit is the Christian spirit extended throughout

(Rev. A. S. Dewdney)

What does Christmas mean? To little children it means Santa Claus, Christmas presents, parties, candies, nuts and oranges. To many older folk it means mainly a frenzied rush of extra work, worry, and expense. How many people give a sigh of relief when Christmas is over? To most people it is a time of festivity that carries a vague message of peace and good will. But an ineffective message, apparently, to judge from the condition of the world today.

The trouble with our world is that it tries to secrete the outward fruits of Christian faith without first laying foundation on which alone it can be securely based. We try to be happy at Christmas time without knowing why we have the right to be happy. We try to promote peace and good will without knowing what these things must be based on.

Christmas is the Birth of Christ. And the meaning of Christmas depends on our answer to the question, "Who is Christ?" And the Christian answer is the same today as it has been down through the centuries: that little child in Mary's arms is God. The God who made the universe has laid aside His glory and humbled Himself to become a little helpless Child "for us men and for our salvation."

We do not celebrate Christmas as the birthday of a good man who lived and died, for his fellows, nor of a great teacher who taught men a higher and better way of life. It is the birthday of a Saviour, and that Saviour is none other than the God who made us.

Christmas is preeminently the message of God's love. In the long run, apart from the Christmas story, it is not possible to believe in God's love. If God did not truly come down to earth and become man and live among men, but had remained safe in some far away heaven, then whatever we mean when we speak of His love, it is plain that it means something less than love at its highest. For even among men real love demands the sacrifice and giving of self. The Christmas story assures us that God's love is of this kind. How great it is to be measured by the depth to which God allowed Himself to descend. God became man. The Creator humbled Himself to become a little helpless Babe born in a manger.

That is why Christmas time is a happy, festive season. We live in no blind, mechanical, materialistic world whose forces grind on regardless of the whole year. Some day the Christmas season will never stop, it will be continuous through the entire calendar year. The fact that we hit high one day gives great promise for all the days. We give gifts on Jesus' birthday, but God set the pattern of gift giving at Christmas. At that first Christmas He gave His greatest gift to the world. There is no better time for us to give our greatest gift than at Christmas. Gifts which money can buy are sometimes cheap gifts to give at Christmas. The supreme gift in our power to give and the only adequate one for a man to give at Christmas—is the gift of his whole life to the only whole Man—the world.

To the shepherds of the first Christmas was almost unbelievably good news. And it's still so—news of a great joy for all people. To whom else can you go? In comparison the Ptolemaic—no power to give. The Ptolemaic—no power to get. What are you going to do with Jesus Christ this Christmas?

(Elder Malen L. Christensen)

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:13-14)

In this far-away day, nearly two thousand years ago, the desire for peace was in the world, even as it is today. Since that time, thinking men of all ages have tried to find a panacea for the ills of the world, and to achieve that peace and good will reward all men which the heavenly host proclaimed. That universal peace can only be obtained until men, universally, turn to God, and to that love of fellowmen that Jesus Christ taught during His ministry on earth.

Instead of "Glory to God in the highest," we hear too much of "glory to men on earth." Too many men are seeking for personal glorification, even at the expense of their fellowmen, and have forgotten God in their mad struggle for the glorification of their greedy desire for power and position. Man's three score and ten years on earth is such a short period of time when compared to all the eternity of the hereafter. Why not give more thought to our future status in the resurrection, instead of in the accumulation of worldly wealth? But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33)

As men learn to do this, to that extent will "peace and good will" be had on earth.

For a day or a week, during the Christmas season, men's hearts are filled with the spirit of Christ, which is the spirit of peace and love. If this spirit should continue throughout the year, from Christmas to Christmas, then that long-sought-for peace on earth would become a reality, and Christ's message of peace would truly be realized: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)

People are certain to stew about something or other. Those who aren't fussing about the country being in the red are worrying about the reds being in the country.

man. We are not cogs in a machine. Behind all the forces of nature, behind all the warring purposes and follies of man, behind all the perplexing circumstances of our lives, is a God of love. That is the good news of Christmas that brings faith and certainty to our hearts.

And it is only through this faith in God's love that peace and good will can ever come to the world. For it is the only thing strong enough to break through the barriers that separate man from man, barriers of race, language, color, custom, economic and social position. It is no accident that the Gospel stories and tradition have emphasized that among shepherds and wise men, there were Jews and Gentiles, men with black, white and yellow skins, rich and poor, educated, ignorant, young and old. In their common love and worship of the holy Child all these barriers disappear and become irrelevant.

In all our fun and festivities, let us not forget whose birthday it is we are celebrating, and what it means. We love to give our children a happy time at Christmas. But let us make sure that our children know why it is a happy time. They will be all the happier if they centre their thoughts on the Child in the Manger. And let us not make the mistake of

Christmas Message from Lieutenant E. Burkholder and R. Chapman, The Salvation Army, Coleman, Alta. Greetings at this Christmas Season:

No one knows for certain why December 25th was chosen as the day on which Christmas should be observed. There is no accurate knowledge of the date. The Romans had their Saturnalia, which had degenerated into unrestrained revelry and the Christians may have wished to counteract its demoralizing influence by a celebration of their own.

Back of the selection of the present date was undoubtedly the fact that the Christians of that time believed, though mistakenly, that the night of the 24th of December was the longest and darkest of the year, and on the morning of the 26th the sun for the first time was victorious over what had been the steadily increasing darkness. December 25, therefore, seemed the most appropriate time to celebrate the visit of the "Dayspring from on high."

Christmas is the symbol of our Christian conviction that light is stronger than darkness, goodness more powerful than evil, and the eternal forces of the universe are on the side of the constructive efforts of mankind.

To many, Christmas is simply a time of merrymaking; a time when gifts are exchanged; a time when sad, broken hearts are gladdened by the love and goodness of friends. But is this enough? If we carelessly dismiss the "Christ" from Christmas our lives are left void and vacant, and Christmas becomes meaningless. Christmas is the message of Christ. Or in this particular day our memories are stirred as we think of His coming into this world as a fulfillment of prophecy. We remember that He was called "Jesus" because He came to save His people from their sin.

The Jews had looked for the coming of a king who would rescue them from the tyranny of Rome. Christ came as the King, but He did not come to lead militant forces, but His was an Heavenly Kingdom. He came to bring life and liberty to the "Whosoever," and today the name "Jesus" though spoken in varied languages, can be heard on lips the world over. His good news and His message is still proclaimed to men and women the world over. A seemingly low humanity can be changed and brought to a new hope; simply by accepting the salvation which Christ brought to a sin-sick world.

Let us rightly observe the birth of Christ this season. Let us not only keep the traditions of Christmas—the giving of gifts, the sending of cards, the singing of carols, but may we maintain and obtain the true Spirit by giving unto Christ our lives and our devotion.

"Far, far away in Bethlehem And years are long and dim, Since Mary held a Holy Child, And angels sang to Him; But still to hearts where faith and love Make room for Christ in them, He comes again, the Child from God.

To find His Bethlehem.

thinking that Christmas is only or even mainly a children's festival. Its message is even more needed by us who are adults and have tasted the temptations and stress of life and have discovered our need and helplessness. We miss the whole meaning of Christmas and its true joy if we do not, with our children, kneel this Christmas with the Shepherds and Wise Men, and with the faithful and children of every age, before the Child who is our Saviour and our God.



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"On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men"

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY

"STRANGE WISDOM"

By Helen Ann Krupka

E. LIZABETH MICHAELS leaned back to watch the bright blue star that twinkled at the very top of the Christmas tree. She hated to think about taking it down—stealing the proud tree of the shiny boughs, out by one nail it stood, were in the center of the bazaar. This year she wished that it might stand there forever—that Christmas might go on and on.

She crossed the living room and took an envelope from the desk drawer. "Sally," she wrote across the top of it, "dear, Darling—Merry Christmas 1946."

In the right hand corner of a matching sheet of paper she jotted, "Christmas—1946", and began to write:

"Dear Janet—

"Christmas of 1946—you couldn't possibly remember it. It was a peace-time Christmas—the fighting already forgotten by many. Others could never forget."

"We were in the kitchen—you and I. Christmas came on the afternoon of the telephone call. 'Janey, I cried, 'Oh, Janey! Daddy will be home tomorrow. He has a ten-day leave from the hospital!'

"'Hurry,' I urged, 'there's so much to do, and everything must be just right.' We rushed about, hanging the last pieces of tinsel on the tree, and then I heard the sound of a Marion snow down the hill. Then there were big red bows to be hung on the fresh holly wreaths and . . .

"Suddenly I stopped. In one leap my happiness was gone and I was afraid. I remembered that you were in the States, and your daddy had said you good-bye. I had gone alone to visit him at the hospital when he returned from overseas—more than a year ago. After that it had always been alone—the doctors advised it. 'Janey, I realized, 'I will have to love daddy very much. He'll be very sick and we must try to be very close to him.'

"What could I tell you about war and about that particular battle? When it was over John was the only senior officer from his company who had survived.

"They sent him back to the States—and peace came. But John couldn't forget war—the noise, the smell of blood—so many things he couldn't forget. He thought about these things—"It will take a long time," the doctors said, "a long time—and patience and understanding. He's a little better, but . . ." When I saw John I realized he had been optimistic.

"I was dismayed of ever overcoming John's feelings of insecurity. He was sure of himself—of my love, of anyone or anything in this world. He had been so badly hurt that he had built a defense around himself—and even we who loved him could not break through.

"I was one of the last to leave the train. When I ran toward him and threw myself into his arms he held me, but he seemed so far away. 'Then he saw you, Janey,' he said, slowly. 'Janey. You kissed him full, but you didn't smile.'

FUTURE IS FORETOLD BY DROWSY HENS

Divinations were an important part of the Christmas festivities in Central Park.

After a special family Christmas dinner, the girls of the household placed five piles of grain upon the kitchen floor: each pile was given a name, such as Hope, Ring, Money, Thrush and Charcoal. A drowsy hen was fastened to the floor and allowed to walk around the kitchen floor and choose a pile of grain.

Obviously the hen's choice of Money meant wealth; Ring foretold a wedded life with a year; and Hope, foretold the fulfillment of a desire or a long journey. If the sleepy chicken chose the grain designated as Thread, a life of toll was predicted for the marriageable maiden of the household; and Charcoal was considered an omen of death in the family.

Old songs were sung to accompany such goings-on, while the girls and women vied to devise complete stories based on the antics of the hen.

"I'll never forget that ride home. I do with people whom you don't like—afraid of silence. Both you and John answered direct questions politely—but said no more. And yet—was glad. I knew how much might depend upon a phrase, a careless word, a glance."

"When we were home at last I ached with the small hope that the familiar surroundings might help bring John closer."

"Come dear," I said, with a smile, "It's time to open your presents—and I'm sure daddy is anxious to see them."

"You sat down on the floor, the stack of gifts surrounding you. Sitting next to John, I leaned against him, and could feel his muscles, his tenses and unyielding."

"Your eyes grew brighter with each new gift—the princess doll with the blond curly hair and the wide skirts—the bicycle—the skates. You were opening the last package when John smiled. 'Janey, I said, 'I have something for you, too.'

"He leaned over and handed you a package, wrapped in brown paper and tied with store string.

"I made it myself," he said, proudly.

"John never looked away from your face as you opened the package. The brown paper slipped off and you were holding a big, lumpy gift, checked gingham, and an awkward-looking object of red wool, a tiny button nose, and yellow wavy hair that hung in strings around her head.

"You looked at John, then back at the doll again. Before I knew what was happening you had dung yourself into John's arms."

"'Why,' you said, 'she's beautiful—such a nice doll I've ever seen.'

"You threw your arms around his neck and kissed him. Then you started to cry—softly at first, then sobbing.

"With you in his arms, John leaned back and relaxed. 'Don't cry, Janey,' he said, rocking you back and forth, 'everything is going to be all right now.' You stopped crying.

"Everything is going to be all right," I repeated. Over your head he smiled at me, as though seeing for the first time after being away for a long time.

"The doctors at the hospital were amazed. They couldn't account for the remarkable improvement in such a short time. A few more weeks, though, and he would be ready for release. Of course they didn't understand . . .

"Only I understood—and I think you understood in your own way—with the wisdom God gives to children alone and withholds from us adults who struggle too much to get it.

"I wanted to tell you all this when I tucked you into bed that night—but all I could do was kiss you and give you an extra big hug—and to write a letter that some day I might show you. I tucked you back to me—and for the most wonderful Christmas in my life."

Elizabeth signed it, "Your mother," slipped it into the little pink envelope, and sealed it.

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First Christmas

The baby toddled to the tree. Her eyes danced at the mystery. Of starry lights and tinsel pine and gifts bow-tied with silver twine. The baby spoke her own strange excited and, to us, absurd.

But oddly at the tree's bright tip, the white-gowned angel touche her lip.

We heard a voice, bell-like and clear, slightly tinkling in the east. "Dear child," it said, "this is the night."

Above the others fair and bright. This is the night when children know. White secrets of new-fallen snow. This is the night when children hear. The hoofbeats of St. Nick's swift

"This is the night a Child was born. Who grew and taught a world then torn."

As now by strife that all men live In the same measure as they give."

—Ken Woodward.

The word "Yule" for Christmas comes from the Anglo-Saxon "geol", meaning December.



OLD CUSTOM—Night Before Christmas

THE GREATEST GIFT

Those who give themselves grow richer. The kindly word, the spontaneous smile, the thoughtful deed—those are outward expressions of the goodness inside the hearts and minds of men.

Those of us in the newspaper business must record the little things that make news day by day. Often we wish there were less of pettiness in the world and more of the spirit of Christmas scattered throughout the year. But the day that marks the birth of Jesus brings with it a rebirth of faith and hope and a realization that deep down inside each person there are Christ-like qualities of unselfishness, loyalty, and devotion to the highest principles of God and man. It is these qualities which make Christmas the most joyous season of all.

Truly, there is "joy to the world" in abundant evidence of self-giving, of hands clasped in friendship, of hearty good wishes. How insignificant are the little troublesome things of the world in the light of the Christmas spirit that pervades the world!

And so we again join in the gladness of the season to wish all our friends and subscribers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The King To Give Yule Broadcast

LONDON.—The King, though ailing, intends to make his regular Christmas broadcast to the Commonwealth, Palace sources said.

The King, now confined to his bed by a serious arterial ailment of the legs, will broadcast at 3 p.m. (10 a.m. EST) Christmas Day.

How Many Wise Men?

The number of wise men that came from the East to where Christ was born has been a problem for some years. Many believe there were three, some believe four wise men. The Biblical account in St. Matthew does not actually state how many wise men there were. There were three gifts brought which undoubtedly gave rise to the idea there were three wise men.—D.J.M.

A CAROL OF THE STABLE

Before the Name was in the east, Before the manger was prepared, I rose, I felt upon my cheek The soft, moist breath of the priest, the priest who had given him. Great silver clouds shining at the verge welled over the fir tops and spread to spread, on their tips, the tinkling, the tinkling of the star of Bethlehem.

It is the melody of the organ, It is the fervor of the organ, It is the fervor of the organ.

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The younger set of the Kindergarten class drew a very large audience over a week ago at the Columbus hall, when they presented their concert of songs, recitations and dances. The children looked very lovely in their costumes. During the two hour concert, Santa Claus arrived on the stage and presented each little tot with a gift and a bag of candy and nuts. The outstanding event of the evening was the "Crib Scene" which was very well done. A special credit goes to the Sisters of St. Alphonsus Convent for the long hours of vigorous teaching.

Christmas is a time of secrets. So I'll whisper one to you. Grandpa says that all who try it, find that every word is true. "Would you have a happy day?" "Give some happiness away." Grandpa says this little secret should be carried through the year; And if all would try to heed it, Earth would soon be full of cheer. "Would you have a happy day?" "Give some happiness away."

—H. A. Lyman.

Miss Ethel Myssnik of Coleman is employed at the Variety Shop.

Mrs. Jo Lencucha and her three children arrived in Blairmore this week for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Lencucha will join his family later.

Johnny Godefroid and Marion Blas are employed at Kubik's dry goods store for the Christmas rush.

Little Sharon Ridalski is holidaying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Porco at Michel, BC, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Porco of Michel were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Amato.

Mrs. F. Mascaro of Kimberley, BC, spent a few days here, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lonsdale.

Miss F. Gilmar, who is teaching at Fairview school, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Miss Frances Mission, who is taking piano lessons at Moscow, Idaho, is spending the holidays with her parents at Coleman.

Why telegram blanks are yellow—this color selection has a solid scientific foundation, dating back some 60 years, for the retina of the eye distinguishes three fundamental colors, red, yellow and green-blue. Of all colors, yellow throws back the most light—American Paper Converter.

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As a Christmas shopper I'm tops. I never make a mistake. My gifts to friends and relatives are always exactly what they want. My secret? Listen . . .

I send Royal Bank Money Orders, with a personal card of course. They get the cash and buy just what they want. That makes everybody happy. Best of all, I can buy Royal Bank Money Orders for as little or as much as I like, an important consideration these days. So if Christmas shopping gets you down, try my simple solution. Your nearest Royal Bank branch will be glad to co-operate.

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EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS by Don Graham

It is a common fallacy that in order to "get along" with other people we should agree with them, accommodate them, and generally conform to their ways.

But the superficial kind of popularity gained by making too many concessions is not desirable. Moreover, people have a better opinion of the man who stands by his own beliefs and convictions without being opinionated, narrow-minded or queer. The popularity he enjoys may not be so widespread but, being based on respect, it is much to be preferred.

By the same token, it never pays to act in any way foreign to our real nature. Trying to be someone or something we're not, bluffing, pretending to like something we dislike—these and all other attempts to create misleading impressions put us under a strain. And this, in turn, distorts our personalities in a way that does not win friends and influences nobody.

So never imitate the chameleon or the ostrich. Always be yourself!

When a life insurance agent talks enthusiastically about the advantages of life insurance he is not just repeating what others say. He speaks from his own sincere conviction that there is no easier, more dependable way to provide protection for dependants and income for future needs.

To Negotiate New Agreement

Alberta coal miners and mine operators will meet early in the New Year to negotiate a new wage agreement, with sessions most likely in Calgary.

The Domestic Coal Operators' Association met Dec. 17 to discuss arrangements for meeting with the United Mine Workers of America (CCL) District 18. Union demands are expected to be presented jointly to domestic operators and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association. The present agreement between the union and the two associations expires February 16, 1949.

The union drew up new wage demands at district 18's convention in Calgary Nov. 15, but they will not be disclosed until the union presents them to the operators when negotiations begin.

How high is up? "You never can tell how far folks will climb," chirrups the Palmerston (Ont.) Observer. "We one knew a man who started out to be a minister and finally developed into a first-rate newspaperman." On reading that people will wonder whether the climb was "up" or "down."

Christmas Joy

This is the time when the grey old men Leaps back to the days of youth; When brows and eyes wear no disguise,

But flush and gleam with truth. Oh, then is the time when the soul exults, And seems right heavenward turning,

When we love and bless the hands we press,

When the Christmas log is burning.

A Christmas Fable

Once upon a time there was a married man, who was taken by his wife on Christmas Eve to a party given by the Ladies' Aid—and the man had a good time.

Premature

An Irishman lay dying when the odor of cooking assailed his nostrils. Summoning his weeping daughter to his bedside, he said, "Nora, darling, ain't it doughnuts that I smell?"

"Right for ye, father," the girl replied.

"And would ye be asking your mother if I can have one before I die?"

The daughter delivered the message to the mother in the kitchen, and brought back the answer: "Mother says ye cannot have one of them doughnuts; they are for the wake."

Nature couldn't make us perfect, so she did the next best thing: she made us blind to our faults.—Selected.

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CALGARY
Ginger Ale

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with the people of Britain
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They are fighting—on short rations—a cold war against the spectre which haunts the world today. They URGENTLY need YOUR help to give them strength.

You can help them through the Emergency Fund for Britain—an all-Canadian organization formed for year-round operation.

YOUR donation will be used to buy food in Canada. Food will be shipped in bulk, FREIGHT FREE, packaged in England, and distributed there, under supervision of UEFB's British Advisory Council, to those most in need. This will SAVE EXPENSE, and make YOUR dollars go farther.

Send your cash contribution NOW to the local or provincial headquarters of United Emergency Fund for Britain. Plan to make your REGULAR donations in 1949.

GIVE BRITAIN STRENGTH!

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Squirrels Dislike It
Power and telephone men have found an answer to the problem of squirrels that nibble away at cables. They coat the cables liberally with asphalt and sand. The squirrels find the mixture unpalatable.

The first steamship to cross the Atlantic ocean was the *Rising Sun* in 1818. The vessel was built in Britain and was built at cables by Lord Cochrane.

It is estimated that 3,000,000 bats live in New Mexico's Carlsbad Caverns.

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**To the People of the Crows' Nest Pass and
District, We Extend Heartfelt
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

to our many good friends

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**STANDEN'S
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**and Sincere Good Wishes
for Christmas and the Coming Year
to all**



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Great Christmas Carols By Inspired Clergy

Since that first Christmas when the angels sang "Glory to God on High" music has been a vital part of the holiday season. Schools, churches and homes ring with joyous hymns and songs. The first singing of carols in the streets, we are told, was in the year 1224.

When we think of Christmas we think of the pictures you see on Christmas cards of houses almost buried in snow, candles burning in windows, and carolers grouped around a doorway, singing with all their hearts to the distant peal of church bells. Christmas must have been picturesque in those days, no automobiles whizzing by, just the merry jingle of sleigh bells!

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was written in 1738 by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist denomination, but was not published until 1856. Inspiration for the poem came to Wesley as he walked to church one Christmas morning.

Bishop Philip Brooks, rector of the Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia, was asked by his Sunday school children to write a Christmas song, so in 1868 he produced "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem." After writing the hymn, he went to the church organist and asked him to furnish a tune. The organist, Lewis H. Redner, says the air came to him in a Christmas dream, and it was finished for the next day's services.

Origin of 'Silent Night'
But most beloved of all Christmas music is "Holy Night, Silent Night," written, we are told, by Father Josef Mohr, who found himself without means of music for the Christmas services because mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ. Father Josef was greatly troubled over the calamity, and as he returned from administering rites to a dying woman he stood on a hilltop, at midnight, and it came to him that it must have been such a silent night that the Christ child was born, so he went home and composed the words to our famous Christmas hymn.

Then of course, it needed music, so he went to his old schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. And so Franz played his guitar and Father Josef sang a Christmas hymn that will never die.

Few think of this lovely hymn, without remembering how skillfully our radio dial at Christmas time for its rendition by one of the most beloved of singers, Madame Schumann-Heink. Of, those were days of simplicity, when the rectors casting about for suitable Christmas programs turned poets, and organists turned composers to furnish the music, music that's on forever.

They would, indeed, be gratified if they could hear our present Christmas-day programs, pouring out of a little cabinet in the corner, their labors of love having come a long way from that steel guitar and a gentle voice replacing a muffled bellow, they'd be surprised to learn their flock now does its Christmas shopping to their inspirational tunes.

Cave of Nativity, Shrine

The "stable" in which Christ was born does not conform to the modern conception of the word.

In Biblical times, places of shelter were hewn in rocky ledges; Judean travellers, frequently housed in such caves, welcomed joint tenancy, with beasts, because of the extra warmth provided by animal's bodies.

The birthplace of Jesus was such a cave. Now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, the entire surface has been elaborately ornamented. Pilgrims to the shrine often wish, reverently, that its original simplicity, might have been preserved in which eternal stars "Looked down where He lay."

The Little Lord Jesus

"Asleep in the hay."

Boxing Day

Unless we are greatly mistaken, the custom of celebrating Boxing Day and calling it by its ancient name, is of fairly recent acceptance in Canada. There is common sense as well as tradition in the custom of taking an extra day's holiday after Christmas. There is very little buying or selling, and most people are happy to have extra time in which to continue the previous day's festivities.

Boxing Day is also the Feast of St. Stephen, in the calendar of the Christian church. Everybody recalls that it was on the Feast of Stephen that King Wenceslaus performed the act of charity which is celebrated in a familiar carol. St. Stephen, according to the lore of the Middle Ages, was the patron of horses and horse-dealers, and it was usual for veterinarians who used to be called horse-teachers to bleed all the horses under their care on this day, and give them a drench. In Finland it was the custom until recently to throw a piece of silver into a horse's manger on this day to bring good luck.

As for the custom which gives the 26th of December the name of Boxing Day, we find it described in The Gentleman's Magazine of 1811, thus: "On the day after Christmas, tradespeople are visited by persons in the employment of their customers for a Christmas-box; and every man and boy who thinks he is qualified to ask, solicits from those on whom he calculates as likely to bestow. A writer, in 1731, describes Boxing Day at that time from his own experience. 'By that time I was up, my servants could do nothing but run to the door. Inquiring the meaning, I was answered the people were come for their Christmas box; this was logic to me; but I found at last that, because I had laid out a great deal of ready-money with my brazier, baker and other tradesmen, they kindly thought it my duty to present their servants with some money for the favor of having their boxes.' This provoked me a little, but being told it was the custom, I complied. These were followed by the watch, the headlie, dustmen, and an innumerable tribe; but what vexed me most was the clerk, who has an extraordinary place, and makes as good appearance as most tradesmen in the parish; to see him come a-boxing, alias begging, I thought was intolerable; however, I found it was the custom, too, so I gave him a half-a-crown; as I was likewise obliged to do the bellman, for breaking my rest for many nights together.

It will be seen from this irritable account of an eighteenth century Boxing Day that although taxes were slight in those days, in comparison with the imposts which are laid upon us now, there were demands upon the private purse which could soon run away with a considerable sum of money in the course of a single day. We still give Christmas boxes, but not to every comer—from the Peterborough Examiner.

SHIP O' DREAMS

(Douglas Buchanan)
What bring you home my Christmas
ship?

To light my dusk of dreams
From Rio Grande or Samarcand
No glittering gift, it seems!
Yet in your hold, for more than
gold.

One joy all else transcends:
When pomp has passed and earth
cold—

Fond in my heart to clasp,
remember—

Wondrous as roses in December,

The lasting love of friends.

Here, by the fire, no vain desire

Mocks; me with Yuletide flame;

For should I walk with Sorrow dire,

Homeless, without a name,

My memories are mine to prize.

Of dear, glad light in faithful eyes,

Fragrant and fresh to clasp,

remember,

God's rarest roses of December—

Laughter and love of friends!

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A Very Merry Christmas

— and —

A Happy New Year

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To the People of The Pass and outlying district,
we wish to extend heartiest wishes for

Christmas and the New Year.

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Santa's Arrival Times

Santa Claus is an international figure. He is known and loved in countries all over the world although his arrival date is not always the same. A group of students from various parts of the world who are attending the University of Toronto, recently had a get-together and their conversation turned to Christmas celebrations in their homelands.

Switzerland

According to Verna Laid, a fourth year student of modern languages and history, in Switzerland Santa's visit is already over. On the sixth of December in her country the children put a bag on the window sill with a letter or poem promising Santa that he will be good the next year and listing their wishes.

"In the morning the bag is found filled with Christmas cookies and other goodies," she said. "If you have been bad thought Santa leaves you a birch rod, some times with a few cookies attached. If you have been very bad he puts you in his bag and carries you back to the woods with him."

Christmas proper is celebrated the evening of Dec. 24 or early morning of Dec. 25, Miss Laid explained. It is purely a family affair with few public celebrations.

A quaint custom described by the girl from Switzerland was the making of a wreath of pine branches the first Sunday in December and the placing thereon of four candles. During a family carol service, one of these is lighted each Sunday evening in December, the last being lighted Christmas eve.

Czechoslovakia

Mrs. Helen Munz described the customs in her homeland, Czechoslovakia. She said that St. Nicholas comes to her country on Dec. 6 too, but he always is accompanied by an angel or a devil.

"The angel promises to reward good children and the devil spans the bad with a heavy chain he carries with him," she explained. "As in Canada St. Nich comes down the chimney and fills stockings left on the window sill with toys and goodies."

Before the war fruits from all over the world were considered the greatest delicacies, she said, but there will be little of that now. A few lumps of coal and some potatoes are always included. There is always a tree which is hung with candies and special cookies and each visitor until after the New Year must take some goodies off the tree.

"But if St. Nich gives gifts on Dec. 6 Jesus brings them on Dec. 24," Mrs. Munz said. "Shepherds in rural districts go from door to door announcing the birth of Christ. As in Switzerland Christmas day is a family affair and the main dish is always carp."

Holland

A St. Nicholas, dressed in archbishop's robes and carrying a staff, who comes by steamboat from Spain and brings with him an Arabian steed and small helper called Peter, gladdens the hearts of Dutch children. Dec. 5, said Carl Van Lente, Peter carries Santa's bag and a big book! If the child has been good he is rewarded with cookies. If not, he may get a birch rod or be carried off to Spain in the bag and there cut up into cookies for next year's good boys and girls. Shoes are put out containing grass and carrots for the steed.

Argentina

In the Argentine, Christmas day is widely celebrated. A creche is set up instead of a tree, but this is done Jan. 6, when gifts are also exchanged.

This day, "the day of the kings," is also a big day in Costa Rica, said Zaira Muray, of San Jose. The creche forms the chief decoration in homes and churches, and sometimes there is a tree too. Since there are no chimneys, there is no Santa or hanging of stockings, though gifts are given. These festivities occur in the middle of summer holidays, and people flock to the cities to celebrate. Dec. 28 is an equivalent of April Fools' day, with appropriate pranks.

Jamaica

Christmas moves to the traditional Dec. 25 in Jamaica, where the most

Confirmation

at St. Lukes

No matter what side of an argument an intelligent man gets on, he always finds some people with him he wishes were on the other side.

Mr. Bernard Lach, who is attending the University of B.C., is home for the Christmas holidays.

Henry Galvin, University of Alberta student, is home for the Christmas holiday.

We Wish You even more than we Wish:

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Norman

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TO ALL PATRONS
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The following Pass people have received their Canadian citizenship papers on Thursday, Dec. 9: George Kuzik, Mike Andreychuk, John Grotzko, Primo Lant, Joseph Bartolito, Nicholas Horbachuk, Piatr Truch, Dmytro Pylyk, Theodore Truch and Joseph Spievak, all of Coleman; Michael Kral, Angelo Vigna, Henry Purzycki and John Staniszewski, of Blairmore; Emma R. K. Ostrensky, Bellevue; John Berzle, Hillcrest. There are several others taking examinations for their citizenship papers. They are as follows: Mike Olekchuk, Stanley Pylyk, George Zinook and Mary Tretensky, of Coleman; Luigi Avoldo, Albina Vizbaras and Albert Biugan, of Blairmore; Clement Lajinov, Bellevue; Stefan Marusy, Frank Mary Ann Wons, Hillcrest; Michael Bugljenian, Beaver Mines.

Decision of Board on
Power Question Soon

A Canadian Press dispatch from Calgary dated Dec. 15, states:

Decision of the Alberta board of public utility commissioners on the application of West Canadian Collieries Limited, Blairmore, for an order directing the Calgary Power Limited to supply power to four mines in the Crows' Nest Pass, now served by the East Kootenay Power Company will be handed down before the end of the year.

This was announced today by G. M. Blackstock, KC, board chairman, at the conclusion of legal arguments presented by counsel representing the interested companies. He vidice for and against the application was submitted to the board last October at sittings held in Calgary.

The application was filed last summer when East Kootenay notified the mines that from Jan. 1, 1949, the rate charged for power would be increased from 9 cent to 1.25 cents per kilowatthour.

M. M. Porter, counsel for the mines, said that East Kootenay had been "so oblivious of the future that it had little preparation to provide for the increasing demand of its customers."

He said that East Kootenay had offered his clients a new contract which practically stated "if we have power we will send it on to you and if we don't have it, well, it's too bad." He said that Calgary Power is the logical company to serve the south country where the load will continue to grow."

G. H. Steer, of Edmonton, counsel for East Kootenay, said the board "should not arbitrarily" out East Kootenay without giving the company an opportunity to show it could augment its supply of power to meet the emergency." He said the evidence showed that the company had given satisfactory service in past years.

E. J. Chambers, representing Calgary Power, said his client did not wish to enter into any new contracts until further power became available from the Spray Lakes project, which would be completed late in 1950, if such contracts would be detrimental to the interests of the present customers. He said it was the responsibility of East Kootenay to supply the Crows' Nest Pass with power. If the board felt it was in the public interest that something be done to improve the service in the East Kootenay's territory "it was beyond the present power of Calgary Power to fill the gap."

COWLEY HAPPENINGS

L. M. Cleland journey to Calgary on Wednesday where he will attend the Alberta Federation of Agriculture held in the Palliser hotel on the 16 and 17 of this month as representative of the Pincher Creek Co-Op.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Percevalt left Sunday by car for a Christmas holiday trip to Vancouver, Victoria and other Pacific coast points, where they will visit for a few weeks with near relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gunn left Wednesday afternoon by bus for Vancouver, BC, where they will spend a few weeks visiting their daughter Mrs. Mollie Milvain and their son Jimmie Gunn and their families.

Louis Poulain returned Friday from Calgary where he had been an inmate for a couple of months in the Col. Belcher hospital. He underwent an eye operation and now is looking very fit.

On Friday night a well attended concert and Christmas tree, sponsored by the Sunday school staff, was held in the United church here.

Neil Nicholson has recently returned from spending several days in Calgary, visiting friends and renewing old acquaintances.

Pius Nicholas returned Saturday from Pincher Creek where he had been an inmate in St. Vincent's hospital for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cook of Coalhurst were up this week for a few

days visit at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cook.

A Christmas service was held in the United church here last Sunday afternoon with Rev. J. C. Kay of Bellevue in charge when special vocal numbers were rendered by Roy and Robert Smyth, duet; Mr. J. R. Wood, Mrs. E. L. Day, Mr. J. C. Kay, Mr. F. A. Tustian and the Arthur Tustian quartet. In spite of severe weather the attendance was good.

W. A. MacLeod, who succeeded Mr. Plunkett as police magistrate in 1940, receiving a permanent appointment in 1942, was recently appointed police magistrate at Blairmore and Coleman as well as Pincher Creek. During the summer Mr. MacLeod took over his work from Mr. Antrobus, whose illness led to his death Oct. 2. Mr. MacLeod will continue to make his home in Pincher Creek.

After taking a soldier's pulse the

conceited nurse in the military hospital always deducted ten beats to allow for her personality.

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How Did It All Start?

From what dim past did the tradition of Santa Claus come? Why are so many millions of dollars now spent on Christmas presents and millions of Christmas cards sent by friends to friends? How did the idea start? Why the combination of turkey and plum pudding, of candies and Christmas trees? How did all the glamour of the year's greatest holiday come about? Back of the present holiday season is one of the most curiously mixed and interesting chapters in all history.

Strange Ideas

References to Christmas appear in some of the oldest writings; Virgil describes the Christmas tree very clearly and its decorations of toys and dolls; and present-giving to one and all in a festive season of the Romans. In 1557, Thomas Tusse, an early English writer, after pronouncing the sound fact that "Christmas comes but once a year," recommended:

"At Christmas be merry and thankful without."

And feast thy poor neighbors, the great —

With the small."

In those days people evidently had more time for proper holidaying, for revelries started around the Wassail-bowl a week ahead of Christmas and continued, until well into the New Year.

Many strange superstitions were practiced. Unmarried girls would take turns calling at the pigsty door. If a small pig answered first, her husband would be a young man; but if the great hog grunted, she would marry an old man.

Servant girls in some parts of the country could claim the privilege of staying in bed on Christmas morning while the mistress did the work.

Decorating churches and homes at Christmas time is a very old custom. Mistletoe was greatly reverenced by the old Druid monks of England. It was gathered by them at Yuletide, cut by the priest in white raiment using a golden knife. The Celts and Goths also revered the mistletoe.

In Scandinavia the holly or holly-tree is called Christ's Thorn, from its dedication to Christmas and church decorations and because its berries appear at Christmas time.

10,000 Guests

In the earliest Christian days the day of Christmas actually varied from March and April to December. The Emperor Julius I set December 25 as the date sometime around 340 A.D.

English Kings from the reign of King John to that of Edward VI celebrated Christmas in Westminster Hall as the Palace of Westminster was at that time the royal residence.

Richard II personally entertained 10,000 persons there, wearing his crown and a cloth of gold robe embroidered with precious stones.

The boar's head was then the chief dish, and not the turkey. Splendidly garnished, borne aloft on a gold dish, and heralded by a fanfare of trumpets, it was followed by a procession of knights and ladies who sang the Boar's Head Carol, the music of which is still in existence.

Roast peacock, elaborately decorated, were also served, but mince pies and Christmas pudding are of later date.

Kissing under the mistletoe had its origin in Scandinavian mythology.

The boxes originally placed in churches for voluntary contributions were called Christmas boxes, as on Christmas Day they were opened and their contents distributed next day — Boxing Day.

Star of East

December 6 is the actual birthday of St. Nicholas, the original of Santa Claus, who is credited with the visits to children with presents. In Scandinavian countries, these presents were a reward for children who had been of good conduct during the past year, rather than one of the adjuncts of Christmastime itself.

Launched in 1924, the Dirigo was the first all-steel sailing ship.

Christmas Firsts

The Poem

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" was first published in a newspaper, the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel, in 1823. Dr. Clement C. Moore had just composed it the Christmas before, just to amuse his children.

The Carol

"Silent Night," perhaps our most popular Christmas carol, was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, in Oberndorf, Austria. It was written by a clergyman named Josef Mohr, who penned the lyrics in a few minutes. His organist set the work to music within the hour, and it was sung in church that same evening.

The Card

The British Museum has a copy of the first Christmas card, ditched by an English artist over a century ago.

The Stocking

The commercial toy-stuffed Christmas stocking was the brain child of George E. Moultay. This Philadelphia toy manufacturer pushed and popularized it many years ago.

The Tinsel

The tinsel we drape over our Christmas trees was first produced by a London engineer named Henry Harris in 1899. It was an accidental discovery. While working in a silk mill he noticed metal shavings clinging to a strand of silk.

The Seal

The Christmas seal was the idea of a Danish postal clerk named Einar Holboell in 1903. The inspiration came to him while sorting Christmas mail and the Danish Government adopted the plan the next year.

The Address

The Dutch of New Amsterdam are credited with being the first to give Santa Claus his North Pole residence. They were also the first to put red on Santa's nose and on his costume.

—W. E. Farbstein

MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE

In Brazil, it's "Feliz Natal!"
In Denmark, it's "Glædelig Jul!"
In the Netherlands, it's "Hartelijke Kerstgroeten!"
In Finland, it's "Huiskas Joulua!"
In France, it's "Joyeux Noël!"
In Italy, it's "Buon Natale!"
In Spain, it's "Feliz Pascua!"
In Sweden, it's "God Jul!"
In Austria, it's "Frohe Weihnachten!"

But for you and me, and all English speaking boys and girls the whole world over, it's

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

—JAMES ALDRIDGE

TO ENGLAND ON CHRISTMAS

(A paraphrase with thanks to B. L.)

Hold high thy head and with strength

dispel

The misty gloom which o'er thy

soul is cast;

This Christmastide thy sons all wish

thee well,

And' proffer aid against the bitter

blast..

Hold high thy head, for none can

ever still

The throbbing courage of thine

English heart;

In spite of pain, we know thou hast

the will

To greater glory and a better part;

Hold high thy head, 'tis sought to

live at ease,

But much to know that thou canst

play the game;

And we who dwell so far beyond the

seas

Are proud that we in kinship share

thy fame.

Hold high thy head, in Peace there

still is power.

Lo, thou hast earned the plaudit of

"well done".

England, at this joyous Christmas

hour—

Hold high thy head, for thou hast

fought and won.

Saxon Derivation

Knitting is derived from the Saxon word "cynnan" and hand knitting is believed to go back to Saxon times.

May the New Year Bring you Prosperity and

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AW SHUCKS!

Editors are a lousy lot. You give them everything you've got. With drama, humor, punch and plot. And do they buy it? They do not. They treat you like a brainless lot. Convince you you're a mental blot. Those mouthings never were so hot.

Editors are a lousy lot.

Then, feeling like a you-know-what You scrawl some pitiable rot . . .

They give the thing a featured spot. They should be boiled in oil or shot, Cretin, fiend, schlemiel, and so!

Editors are a lousy lot.

—McGill Daily.

Small Brother: "Say, Sis, can I hang up one of your stockings, for Christmas?"

Big Sister: "What on earth do you want to hang up one of mine for?"

Small Brother: "So I can see what's in it without getting out of bed."

—McGill Daily.

OBITUARY

MRS. VIRGINIA HUCK

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Virginia Huck, 26, who died Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Blairstmore hospital were held from the family residence here on Saturday, Dec. 18, with requiem Mass sung at St. Anne's church. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Decedent was born in Burns in 1922, and came to live in Blairstmore six years ago when she married Louis Huck. She had been very ill for quite some time.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Louis; an infant son, Wayne; her mother, Mrs. A. Cortisius; and one brother, Louis.

FRANK ZBOYA

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 16, from St. Anne's church here for the late Frank Zoya, who was killed in the West Canadair Collerets No. 5 mine yard on Monday, Dec. 13. Rev. Dean M. A. Harrington officiated.

The late Mr. Zoya, age 34, was born in Hosmer, BC, in 1914 and came to Blairstmore several years later. He married Miss Zita Aschacher in 1939. They have made their home in Blairstmore since, where Mr. Zoya has been employed at the WCC until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Francis, 7, and one daughter, Donna, 5. Also four sisters and one brother.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and a member of St. Anne's church.

"It says here," said the wife, "that a nautical mile is nearly one-sevenths more than a land mile. How can that be, darling?"

"Well, dear," replied the husband, who was a naval veteran, "you know how things swell in water."

Roy Tucker has arrived to spend the Christmas season at home.

Miss Anne Patrick is spending the Yuletide season with her parents.

SLENDOR TABLETS are effective; 2 weeks supply \$1, 12 weeks \$3; Blairstmore and Coleman pharmacies.

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IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY of Wynne B. Clarke, who passed away Dec. 24, 1944, at Hillcrest. Always longed for and remembered by Auntie Anne, Uncle Gerry, Sharon and Grandma.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

In the Estate of WILFRED (WILFRID) CARPENTER, late of Hillcrest, Alberta, Engineer, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named WILFRED (WILFRID) CARPENTER, who died on 12th June, 1935, are required to file their claims with the Executor, January, 1949, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any security held by them, and that after that date the Administrator with Will annexed will consider all assets of the deceased among them and entitled thereto having regard only to the claims so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

DATED at Blairmore, Bldg., Blairmore, Alberta, 28th December, 1948.
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I'm mad enough to bawl!

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The darned itch seems to crawl!

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CHRISTMAS GREENS

THE custom of hanging ever-
green boughs and holly during the
Yuletide origin had a purpose in
those days each kind of ever
green was believed to confer spe-
cial blessings on those who
possessed them. To have
holly, holly, holly good for
luck throughout the year, buy
meant victory, while laurel was
supposed to impart a spirit of
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Increase In Immigration

THE FLOW OF IMMIGRATION which started in 1945 has increased steadily, and since that time 254,000 new citizens have come to make their homes in Canada. These people have for the most part come from displaced persons camps in Europe or from the United Kingdom. From the beginning, shipping has been a determining factor in governing the number of immigrants which have arrived each year during the period immediately following the war. There was a shortage of ships, and many of those which were available were needed for bringing home service personnel and their dependents. The scarcity of shipping, however, has gradually become less acute, as more accommodation has been made available, the flow of immigration has steadily increased.

About Half Are From Britain From the latter part of 1945 until the end of March, 1946, 31,000 immigrants and displaced persons arrived in Canada. During the following year, 67,000 came into the country and in the year ending in March, 1948, 79,000 arrived. Since March, 1948, it is estimated that about 77,000 more have been admitted. Of all these about half are from the United Kingdom. Since the war the total number coming from Great Britain is given as 134,000 and these people constitute the largest single group of immigrants to enter Canada during that time. In the year following the war, 20,000 British immigrants were received here. In the following year, the figure rose to 47,000, and between March, 1947, and the same month in 1948, 45,000 arrived. Since that time, a further 22,000 from the British Isles have migrated to this country.

No Decrease Is Indicated The reason for the slight falling off in the number from the United Kingdom is attributed by officials of the Department of Immigration to the urgency of the need for displaced persons as quickly as possible.

There are still many people in Britain who are anxious to come to Canada to live, and there is now no indication that there will be any marked decrease in immigration to this country for many years to come. There has always been a strong tendency for the people of Europe to look to this continent when they wish to seek new homes. At the present time the United States has in force strict quota regulations, so that the number who can enter that country is limited. For this reason there are a great many people in Europe and in the United Kingdom who are now looking to Canada, if they have the qualification required for them to settle here. If world conditions do not change it is expected that 100,000 new Canadians will arrive during the coming year. In opening her doors to these people Canada is making a fine contribution towards solving a great human problem, but she is also acquiring many new citizens who will without doubt in their turn contribute much to the building of this nation.

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Ducks Unlimited Plan New Prairie Nesting Projects

WINNIPEG—In 1949, Ducks Unlimited incorporated will construct 20 to 30 nesting projects in the prairie provinces in its international wildfowl conservation programme according to Arthur M. Bartley, New York, executive director.

Mr. Bartley, spent six days in Winnipeg conferring with officials of Ducks Unlimited (Canada).

The proposed projects will be distributed among the prairie nesting grounds, Mr. Bartley said.

For the 1949 projects, Mr. Bartley expects a budget upwards of \$300,000 to be approved at a meeting of trustees in March. During ten years of conservation activity, Ducks Unlimited has spent \$2,000,000 in Canada.

By spring, 25 projects will be in operation as a result of Ducks Unlimited's 1948 programme, Mr. Bartley stated. With these the number of projects in the prairie will total 200. The cost of these projects, covering from \$1,000 to 15,000 acres, range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Flight this fall on all North American flyways—the Atlantic, Mississippi, central and Rocky Mountain—indicates a sharp decline in duck production, Mr. Bartley remarked.

In 1938, when the work of Ducks Unlimited was inaugurated in Canada, two-thirds of the prairie breeding grounds had been destroyed, Mr. Bartley said. The advancing agricultural frontier pushed the breeding centers northward and drainage of land and drouth further imperilled wildfowl.

Ducks Unlimited undertook to provide wildfowl with marshes and ponds in which to breed, safety, and proper food, Mr. Bartley pointed out.

Lord Nuffield Gives Million For Surgeons

LONDON—Lord Nuffield, motor magnate and philanthropist, has given £1,000,000 (£1,000,000) to help young surgeons, particularly from the dominions, the United States and other countries, coming to Britain for advanced studies, it was announced.

The gift, made to the Royal College of Surgeons for the promotion of research and education in the surgical sciences, will be used to build a Nuffield College of Surgical Sciences attached to the Royal College.

Young surgeons studying here will be able to live in the Nuffield, and meet leading British surgeons and distinguished surgical teachers from abroad.

FUNNY And OTHERWISE

"I want to ask you something in confidence," began Jones, as Smith, and he lingered at the bar. "Right? What is it?"

"Right? What you wants to borrow ten dollars from me. Is he good for that amount?"

"Yes, with proper securities."

"What do you suggest?" asked Jones.

"A strong chain and padlock, a pair of handcuffs and a watchdog."

Son: "Daddy, what are bill collectors?"

Father: "A bill collector, my son, is a man who combines business with pleasure."

Smith is a young lawyer, clever in many respects, but very forgetful. He had been sent to interview an important client, when the head of his firm received that telegram: "Have, forgotten name of client. Please write at once."

The reply was a masterpiece of sarcasm, and "Client's name Jenkins. Your name Smith."

Mrs. Timkin: "I suppose you's had lots of new dishes since your chef arrived?"

Mrs. Simms: "Yes, almost a complete new dish service."

An official with a very annoying manner was making an inspection of an aerodrome.

On this particular aerodrome, he was being held up by a number of pilots, and the official asked question after question of one man about his experiences and sensations while flying.

"But supposing your paraplane fails to open while you are coming in to land?" he asked him.

"What do you do then?"

The pilot had had more than enough by this time. "Take it back and change it!" he replied.

Sandy happened upon a fellow-Scot lying in the grass with a mortifying "Did I ever see ye?" he asked. "No." "Well, I'm insured, too. W'd ye mind if I lay down?"

"Mother, shall I have a little sister one day?" "Why?" "Well, it gets rather a bore teasing the cat."

Lawyer (paternally), to client anxious for divorce: "My dear young lady, occasional tiffs are bound to occur in your married life. But think of the joy to be got out of it."

Client: "Exactly. Get me out of it."

A certain movie executive, who used to enjoy delivering after-dinner speeches of interminable length, now expresses himself briefly with the most commendable brevity.

Asked to explain his reformation, the movie man shamefacedly replied: "It was a remark I overheard. During a pause in one of my speeches, I overheard one man say to another, 'I'd like a hamburger.' And the other fellow replied, 'Wednesday'."

Practising With Barbara Ann Scott In Chill Grey Light of Early Morn

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OTTAWA.—Barbara Ann Scott, world figure skating champion, leaped into the glaring flood lights of New York's famous Roxy Ice stage on Dec. 5th. Described as "Talented, Tiny and Terrific", Barbara Ann went to the U.S. as Canada's best skater, and she has since skated into the hearts of the world.

This is the first time Barbara Ann has received a salary cheque. It is reported to be something like \$50,000, a good proportion of which the champion is donating to underprivileged children.

I dropped in at the Minto Skating Rink here just before Barbara Ann left for New York and found the Queen of the Blades hard at work on the ice. There was no glamor about it there in the chill grey light of early morning. The rink, bare of spectators and lights, was a quiet symphony orchestra, no scintillating costumes. This was a star, at work.

Great artists all have to practise. Most of their time is spent behind the footlights in an exacting routine that calls for concentration, courage and determination. The skater must spin and turn over and over again until absolute perfection is attained. The hours of concentrated drill go into those little bows alone, would amaze you. No matter how skillful the performance, its finale must be dramatic and sensational.

I was invited in at practice. Barbara Ann was wearing a canary yellow skating outfit with a light green pullover sweater. On her head was a tight-fitting yellow knitted bonnet tied snugly under the chin. And she wore matching knitted wool gloves.

Up in a small rink box at one end of the Minto rink a pianist fingered out snatches from Little Dutch Mill and Tip Toe Through the Tulips. He wore a brown fedora hat pulled down well over his head and a raincoat over a heavy sweater. Rink had cold places to play piano.

"Right? What you wants to borrow ten dollars from me. Is he good for that amount?"

"Yes, with proper securities."

"What do you suggest?" asked Jones.

"A strong chain and padlock, a pair of handcuffs and a watchdog."

"Will you give me that ending again, please?" Every few minutes Barbara Ann would stop and skate over to the sound box. Then she



Barbara Ann Scott, (above), who is appearing at a New York theatre during the holiday season.

would try another spin. Not satisfied, she would call for the music again. They would keep it up until Barbara Ann decided it was perfect.

She has one number calling for a large white fan which she waits in motion of such faultless grace that even a swan would be envious. This number needs symphony music and her skates must produce it at a nod of the head.

Having completed part of her routine for the morning, the young skater sought me out in the gallery. She seemed happy that some-

Farmers Are Warned Of Possible Lower Prices For Their Surpluses

OTTAWA.—Dean A. M. Shaw, chairman of the Dominion Agricultural Conference, said Canadian farmers must realize that the Dominion is out of the war period and that they may have to accept lower prices for their surpluses.

At the second session of the three-day conference, he said delegates seemed to agree that agriculture was facing an immediate future which may bring "very different" conditions.

There was a feeling of "insecurity" and a "vagueness about the long view."

We have an agriculture industry that has become highly organized, and our farmers are in a sounder position than they have been in the memory of many of us here."

Canada was troubled about some things that were happening in the United States. One problem was the fact European Recovery Program

funds could not be used to buy farm products which were surplus in the U.S. This called for alterations between the Canadian and American governments.

Mr. Shaw said there may be a considerable increase in summer fallow on the Prairie provinces and little increase in wheat acreage.

At the same time, he cautioned farmers against producing a fatter hog in an effort to compete in the U.S. market. The Americans now were developing a lean hog along Canadian lines and trying to correlate the rhythm of music, the structure of the coach and the art of the ball into her very soul.

Finishes about one o'clock: her champion headed for home in her dream car—the big powder blue convertible presented to her by the city of Ottawa. Bearing the significant



GRAND CHAMPION Hereford bull was Real Domino Supreme, shown at the Royal Winter Fair recently by Warren Smith, Olds, Alta.

Prairie Moisture 41 Per Cent. Of Normal

EDMONTON.—Based on the past autumn averaged only 41 per cent. of normal for the three prairie provinces, according to an estimate made by the Searle Grain company and released recently.

These fall rains—after harvest and up to freeze-up—constitute the only moisture reserves available for the coming spring that will be needed on stubble land.

Summerlanded land, however, contains additional reserves. These consist of the rains that fell during the past growing season and the fall before that. The Searle estimate places these reserves at 87 per cent. of normal for the prairie provinces.

Reserves by provinces are estimated as follows:

Stubble land: Alberta 39 per cent.; Saskatchewan 39 per cent., and Manitoba 54 per cent.

Summerfallow: Alberta 92 per cent; Saskatchewan 82 per cent, and Manitoba 104 per cent. of normal.

POTASH FOUND AT OIL SITE

REGINA.—J. M. Cantor, secretary-treasurer of Community Petroleum Ltd., announced potash has been discovered on an oil-drilling site a half-mile from North Battleford, in the Saskatchewan prairie.

Mr. Cantor said a salt bed with two zones had been struck at more than 2,700 feet containing a low potash content. Samples have been sent to University of Saskatchewan for analysis.

Foreign Language Records Obtainable

DURING the long winter evenings when music becomes a restful pastime, and especially so as radio-phonographs have become more popular, enabling one to listen to their own selection from records. This fact is most appreciated by our new Canadian citizens who have come from Europe in recent months to establish themselves here, and to gain in Canada records of most foreign languages, thus giving them an opportunity to enjoy a restful period of listening to music of their own native land.

Record Catch Of Herring In One Set

VANCOUVER.—A thousand tons of herring in one set—2,000,000 lbs. of fish—in the record catch reported by one boat in Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Value of the catch landed at the dock is about \$21,500. Of this amount the seiner crew will divide about \$7,500, tendermen will receive an equal amount on a share basis and the remainder will go to boat chasers and other charges.

Ice plate, 48 U. S. 1, the car is familiar to Ottawa people.

Everyplace in the Minto Club are photos of Barbara Ann Scott as the local organization is proud to honor their very own star. There is one large formal portrait of her by Carter's, and there is also an interesting picture of Sonja Henie with an autographed note reading: "To Barbara Ann Scott with all my best wishes."

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By Los Carroll



University students home for the Yuletide season are Albert Catano, Robert Stewart, Lloyd Pinkney, Hazel and Barbara Millett, Rita Bonneau, Lilian and Edgar Diamond, Alex. Palka, Wilfred Lencucha, Duncan Labalester.

Miss Enid Sirett, who is teaching in the South Fork district, is spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Sirett, in Bellvue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spence of Kimberley, BC, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spence at Hillcrest and Mr. and Mrs. Curcio at Blairmore.

Raymond Bias has secured employment at the Credit Jewelers for the Christmas rush.

Archie Combrin of Bellview, a for-

mer student of the Pacific university,

arrived home this week for the Yuletide season.

Mr. and Mrs. D. MacPherson are

leaving on Friday for the Pacific coast to spend Christmas with their

children, Peggy and Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Smith are

spending the Christmas holidays at Mary's cathedral on Monday, Dec. 27.



The Other Christmas

Christmas—a time of candle-light flickering on happy faces, a time of carols and

good cheer, of brightly-wrapped gifts and tinselled trees.

And deep within us all is still another Christmas, the Christmas guiding our every day—

a Christmas born for us of a tolerance and understanding that goes beyond words;

born for us so that men may live in harmony, with purpose to their lives and benevolence

in their hearts... This is the other Christmas, the spiritual Christmas.